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Chimo slated for closure

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Two teachers and three other staff members are set to lose their jobs following a decision to close Chimo Youth Services near Kinmount.

A residential program for 14 young people funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Chimo Camp is to be relocated to a similar facility at Port Bolster on Lake Simcoe, near Beaverton.

The relocation will begin on July 16, with the teachers finishing up at the end of this week.

Haliburton County Board of Education provides Chimo's educational component and therefore is responsible for the two teachers. Superintendent Dale Robinson said the closure was "all a great surprise to us".

Robinson said the board was yesterday still awaiting official written notification of the decision, although he had spoken to Chimo representatives on the telephone, who told him the Kinmount facility was to close.

The board is now left with two teachers who have to be placed in jobs, he said.

An added complication for the board is that the teachers' salaries have not been paid by the Board of Education, but through a special arrangement with the Ministry of Education.

Robinson said the two are experienced teachers and there is no questions they have to be placed within the board, adding the two salaries to the budget.

However, he said no decision had as yet been made and was not likely to be made for several weeks.

Robinson said the board did not like surprises and this situation had come as a surprise. He said there is a "lot up in the air".

However, he said teacher lay-

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A VICTORIAN TEA, COMPLETE WITH HATS: Singing a song written by retired music teacher Bill Gliddon, these Victoria Street School kindergarten students celebrate the completion of their first year of school. All dressed up for the occasion are, from left: back

row: Emily Turner, Jocelyn Regina, Samantha Kovach, Kylie Bolton and Dusti Fimio. Front row: Cathy Bagg, Meghan Bottum, Siobhan Creelman and Dale Loukras. The children are now probably wearing their summer uniform: bathing suits.

Blood shortage spreads to Haliburton

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A few weeks ago Lochlin resident Robert McDonald had no idea hospitals across the province were experiencing a severe blood shortage.

But since then, he's been diagnosed with leukemia. And now he understands how critical a steady supply of blood can be.

"He's in desperate need of blood ... It's life-threatening to him," said his common-law wife, Carol Peacock. "It's ridiculous the way we have to live this way."

McDonald has been losing more blood through internal hemorrhaging than the hospitals have been able to replace.

Peacock said her husband has been placed on an emergency list at Civic Hospital in Peterborough, but still isn't getting the blood he needs.

Last week McDonald was told by his doctor he needed three pints of blood, said Peacock.

The couple went to Civic Hospital in Peterborough in hopes of getting at least a pint or two, but were unsuccessful.

Staff at Civic Hospital told McDonald and Peacock they had sent two pints of blood to Haliburton Hospital, but Haliburton said it never received it, said Peacock.

On Friday, McDonald was

finally able to get one pint at Civic Hospital.

The Haliburton and Peterborough hospitals ordered blood from the Red Cross in Toronto "at least four times" for McDonald, but weren't able to get it, said Peacock.

McDonald's children offered to give their father their own blood. But by the time their

blood is screened and treated, it would take longer to receive than waiting for blood from existing reserves, said Peacock.

Over the past two months, there has been a severe shortage of blood across the entire province, not just this area, said Civic Hospital spokesperson

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Parents fear bus policy endangers students

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Worried parents fear a new school board policy that requires students to walk up to two kilometres to meet their buses will put the children's safety at risk.

Trustees approved the cost-cutting measure in April in a bid to slash an estimated \$200,000 from their annual spending.

Under the policy, which is to

take effect in September, students of all ages may be asked to walk a distance of up to two kilometres (1.2 miles) to meet their school buses.

Not all students will end up having to walk — some who live on main bus routes will continue to be picked up at the end of their driveways.

But students who live on side roads will have to walk either to the nearest main road or to set pick-up points.

Students living just outside

villages could also be required to meet their bus at a central point in town or walk directly to school, depending on their location.

But several parents who appeared at a meeting of the board's management committee last week, and several others who have written letters to the board office, are urging trustees to think of the safety of their children instead of financial

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Trust fund is set up for aspiring actress

A FEW weeks ago, we told you about Loreena Rogers, a young woman from Eagle Lake who was one of only 25 people accepted at the London Academy of the Performing Arts. It's a chance of a lifetime for the 18-year-old aspiring actress, but the only problem is the cost. She still has to raise about \$4,000, or half the cost of tuition.

A trust fund for Loreena's education has been set up at the Haliburton Bank of Montreal, account number 8011 450. People who want to help her with her theatrical education can make donations to the account.

Meanwhile, Loreena has just received a letter of recommendation from Matt Fletcher, her former drama teacher at the

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Roynon academy in Southampton. He writes: "I have found her to be an enthusiastic and committed student who works energetically and single-mindedly at her acting. She possesses a strong natural ability to create and sustain convincing and deeply emotional roles, and can apply this talent equally to scripted or improvised work... She is ambitious to succeed in her chosen career, but approaches it in a refreshingly down-to-earth way. Loreena's attitude towards the work she has done in my classes and the professional way in which she prepared for drama school auditions convince me that

she not only has talent but also the will to do well."

Here's a word of warning about door to door vacuum sales: A young woman was visited at home by a personable Kirby vacuum cleaner salesman. After a demonstration, she agreed to buy one - subject to her husband's approval. The salesman said they did that all the time and left without the vacuum. When the husband said no to the vacuum, the woman tried to get the salesman to live up to their agreement with absolutely no luck. He said there was no such agreement and she was stuck with the vacuum.

The Better Business Bureau, which has had dealings with the company before, said that because the vacuum was left at the house, as far as the law is concerned she had accepted to purchase it. Unfortunately, she had also given the salesman her credit card number so there was no way to stop payment. Her advice, learned the hard way, is "make sure you do not give out your credit card number and don't agree to anything that's not in writing."

What are the odds of being dealt a 29 hand in cribbage? Moira Arnot of Keewaydin on Soyers Lake, who often plays with Mary Fairney, her next-door-neighbour in Toronto, was thrilled on Friday, June 14 to look at her hand to see she had the Jack of diamonds and three fives - especially when the five of diamonds was cut! She was happy to

know that that meant 29 points since she was so surprised and excited that she couldn't concentrate to 15-2 it all up! To be dealt this hand is very rare and it's not every cribbage player who experiences the thrill of the cut.

Come experience the "Wellness Garden" on June 28 starting at 11 a.m. on Haliburton's main street across from IGA and ValuMart. There will be tasty complimentary fruits and vegetables. Everyone is welcome.

Mark Sat. July 13 on your calendar for the Stanhope Volunteer Firefighters Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale, starting at 9 a.m.. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new rescue truck, so your support could one day save a life. If you have articles to donate please call Bob at 754-3033 or Ralph at 489-3828 or 489-4229.



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Guild ready to meet funding challenges

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Funding cuts and broken air conditioners provided the silent back drop to Tuesday night's annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts.

The Guild is facing some of its most challenging times, says President Margery Cartwright, who after a year of tackling some of those challenges head on, is still hopeful about the future.

"This is the little organization 'that can.' By pulling together we can approach this next year with excitement and optimism."

Accountant Hugh Nichol provided some of the figures to prove Cartwright's point about the challenges ahead. In the last fiscal year, the grant from the Ontario Arts Council dropped from \$15,000 to \$11,700. Luckily, the grant from the municipality of Dysart et al remained the same at \$15,000, but over all, Guild revenues dropped by \$18,000 to \$148,000. Knowing that revenues would be down, however, the Guild also cut its costs, so it ended up with only a small year-end deficit of \$1,700.

OAC grants are still felt to be tenuous, and more cuts are expected this year, adding to the decrease in revenue at Guild sales and at the Rails' End Gallery shop.

The realities of running the gallery were evidenced by people straining to hear the various speakers over the sounds of the fans. A few days earlier, the 20-year-old air conditioner which was donated by Sid Brinkman 10 years earlier wheezed its last breath. It cannot be fixed because parts are no longer available.

An air conditioner is essential, not for the comfort of visitors, but for the proper preservation of the exhibits. The Haliburton School of Fine Arts Faculty Show is opening in a few weeks (along with an exhibit by local couple Peter and Joan Hoad) and an air conditioner needs to be installed before that. Local

firms have been asked for tenders and Virginia Muenzel sought and received approval to spend up to \$6,000 on a new (or second hand) model. Acting administrator Thom Lambert said the gallery will seek financial assistance from various foundations which support the arts.

Behind the scene, various guilds have been very busy. The most onerous tasks have fallen on the board executive, which after a desperate plea for leadership last fall, has had its energy renewed. It started a strategic planning process with the help of Bryan Brown of the Economic Development Committee. A survey was sent out to members and with Brown's help, the board established the following priorities:

- review and update the corporate and administrative systems to ensure efficiency and effectiveness

- increase revenue generation and find appropriate large scale fundraising opportunities.

Of course, there has also been a lot of work done on the revamped summer sale, which is now called Artfest and held at Head Lake Park on the August long weekend. Lambert said 78 artists have confirmed their involvement, including 35 who have rented their own booth space. John Middleton has done a lot of work on site arrangements and more volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Other business included the election of "new" board members. There was a vote to change the constitution to allow 10 to 14 board members instead of the set 14. It had been proposed to have a minimum of eight, but many felt it would be too difficult to get a quorum in the winter with such a small number.) The meeting to choose an executive is Friday at 2 p.m.

Honorary memberships – the Guild's opportunity to say thanks to some of its most faithful and hardworking members – were awarded to Norma Douglas and Maggie McClure, who were also given silk paintings by Mary Wallace.



Happy 10th, WeeCare

To celebrate the 10 years it's been helping local families, WeeCare in Haliburton held an extra special Teddy Bear Picnic on Thursday night, attracting many families. Three-year-old Amber Loney, above, brought along her favourite teddy, and clowns Sara Sisson, Jessica Bain and Tanya Sisson brought their sense of fun. WeeCare was started a decade ago by Marie Hodgson, who is still its manager



Echo explains subscription rate changes

Subscription price changes announced by *The Echo* recently are the result of increases in Canada Post mailing rates for all community newspapers.

In the past, Canada Post has received a subsidy from the federal government to allow the first 2,500 mailed copies of a paid subscription community newspapers to be mailed for free within 65 kilometres. In *The Echo's* case, that meant most copies were delivered to subscribers' mailboxes in Haliburton County free of charge.

Under new Canada Post rates that took effect May 1, *The Echo* must pay to mail every copy of

the newspaper, regardless of its destination. The average cost is now eight cents per copy, rising to as much as 15 cents a copy for summer and long weekend issues, based on weight. As a result, *The Echo* has been forced to pass the mailing costs along to subscribers. People living out of Haliburton County will get a break on the previous rates, however. Subscriptions are now \$35 including GST, up from \$28.36. The new rate includes that approximately \$5 per subscriber mailing rate, as well as GST. Discounts are still offered for subscribers older than 65.

"Subscribers are paying 62

cents a week to have *The Echo* delivered by Canada Post. While no one likes to see prices go up, this rate means *The Echo* still costs less than a cup of coffee, a chocolate bar or a package of gum," said publisher Len Pizzezy.

The newstand price of *The Echo* has also increased, to 90 cents.

"Like every local business, *The Echo* faces rising costs and constrained revenues" said Pizzezy. "We have to ask our readers to pay a little more to offset the generally higher costs of creating the newspaper. We don't want to compromise the quality and content that readers have come to expect."



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New bus routes unpopular

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savings.

They say the policy will endanger children by forcing them to walk along busy roads, many of them with no sidewalks. And during winter, they fear the danger level will increase.

Jan McMaster lives on Dover Court at the end of Riverside Dr. in Haliburton.

A proposed pick-up point for school children in that part of town is near the intersection, close to the Liquor Store.

Rather than making her children and the 45 students she estimates live along Riverside Dr. walk down the steep road to the pick-up point, McMaster suggested a number of other route alternatives for trustees to consider.

"My problem is not so much with the walking distance, as it is with the very dangerous road conditions that children on Riverside and surrounding streets will have to face," she said. "... These roads, especially the hills, remain icy through the winter and are busiest at the times the children will be walking them. It will be a driver's nightmare."

Riverside Dr. is a steep, narrow road with no shoulders. It is barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass in either direction is summer, let alone during winter with groups of children walking along it, said McMaster.

"Just imagine driving down that hill with children in groups and you have to stop because one of them comes in your pathway," she said. "If drivers-sometimes can't stop at the stop sign (at Eastern Ave.) in winter, they certainly may have trouble stopping in time for a child darting out."

Before any final decisions are made regarding route plans, McMaster asked board staff to walk up and down Riverside Dr. from Dover Court so they

could see for themselves how narrow it is and the blind spots at the tops of hills.

Another parent, Al Gurr, is worried children walking unsupervised along isolated roads to meet their buses will be more susceptible to abductors.

"Abduction has been on the rise over the past few years," he said in a letter to the management committee. "Whether we like it or not, when school bus lines are changed in isolated rural areas, it affords greater opportunity to the pedophile to find innocent victims."

Gurr and his family are the only residents who live on a small, branch road off a secondary road that leads to Hwy. 121 East outside Haliburton village.

Gurr's two children would have to walk 1.7 kilometres from the family driveway to the likely pick-up point at the intersection of their road and the nearby secondary road.

In order to catch the bus on time at 8 a.m., his kids would have to wake up at 6 a.m. and leave the house by 7 a.m., said Gurr.

The nearly two-kilometre walk would add an additional hour on the end of the day for his children on their return trip home.

"Not only does this extend their school day by at least two hours, (but also) it leaves even less time for homework in the evenings because of the time the children will have to be in bed," he wrote.

He is also worried about his kids making the trip in the darkness in the mornings and afternoons during the winter when the temperatures often drop below zero.

Business administrator Jim Bradley said the board is not going to "arbitrarily" make children walk to pick-up points without first considering safety issues.

"Safety is of prime importance to our

board. We're not going to make kids walk on any roads that we deem unsafe," he said "... But at the same time parents are going to have to take greater responsibility to make sure their children get to the bus safely."

Bob Nichol, who lives on Harmony Rd., just outside Haliburton, said families on the street are willing to pay the board to continue picking up their children at home.

However, Bradley told him the arrangement isn't possible under existing provincial policies.

If the board were to accept funding from an outside source, the province could cancel the board's transportation grant, he said.

This year the board estimates it will receive roughly \$1-million from the province to put toward its overall \$1.75-million bill for bussing.

Bradley said Education Minister John Snobelen has also gone on record against education user fees because they create an inequitable situation between parents who can afford services and those who cannot.

While he admitted the geography and road conditions within the boundaries of Haliburton County's board cannot be compared directly to other boards, Bradley said two kilometres "is not an unusual distance" to make children walk to meet their buses.

Peterborough's school board has the same policy and Nippissing, which is further north than Haliburton, requires students to walk up to 3.2-kilometres, he said.

The board is currently planning bus routes and pick-up points to take effect in September and hopes to inform parents who will be affected by changes before the end of July.

Layoffs not possible as way of dealing with addition of Chimo teachers

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offs was not an option being examined by the board at this stage. He said arrangements with teachers allowed layoffs before Christmas next year only by mutual agreement.

Robinson said the board would have to see where the two Chimo teachers could be "worked in".

Robinson said schools like Chimo were called Section 27 classrooms.

The Haliburton County Board of Education had an agreement with Chimo and the Ministry of Education for the board to provide the educational component of the program for the children at Chimo.

The two teachers at Chimo are attached to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and subject to the same arrangements as other teachers in the county, except that their salaries are heavily subsidized by the provincial government, not through locally levied taxes.

Chimo's assistant director David Harrington said the program, which is funded by the Community and Family Services Department, had operated near Kinmount since 1973.

Harrington said the decision to consolidate Chimo's residences was partly due to a five per cent cut made in Chimo's budget last October.

He said the decision had not been taken lightly and been "in the air" since last fall.

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Association honours two long-time supporters with life memberships

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Association for Community Living has honoured two long-time supporters by presenting them with life memberships.

Gerry Dawson and Lynda Easton were honoured during the HCACL's annual general meeting last week.

Eaton has devoted 17 years of service to HCACL, while Dawson has been involved since the group was formed 35 years ago.

In accepting her life membership plaque, Easton urged anyone who was thinking about becoming involved with a community organization to consider HCACL.

During the meeting special tribute was also paid to Earl Kent, a member of the HCACL board of directors who died earlier this year.

A plaque, which will be hung in the association's office, was presented to Kent's family.

During the meeting, the board of directors for the next year was elected: Pat Burke, Gerry Dawson, Tom Vos, Linda Brandon, Lynne Tate, Robert Heinz, Barry Craig, Ray Selbie, Rebecca Gray and Jean Fletcher.

In her report to the meeting executive director Cheryl Curry said the association had celebrated 35 years of service in April, although the community support had begun long before.

Curry said the past year has seen the association affected by financial cutbacks, with a six per cent cut to its budget.

She said one counsellor's

position had been cut, while other staff members had taken a reduction in hours to equal another full-time position.

Guest speaker at the meeting, Michael Coxon of the Victoria County Association for County Living, said the struggle experienced in Haliburton County and Victoria County was being shared elsewhere.

He said these two groups were part of something larger and of something very important at a local level.

Coxon said the budget cuts affecting the association have had spin-off effects in other areas and the whole community was affected.

Coxon praised the HCACL for having managed to retain its identity and for having done things "our way".

He said the Association for Community Living was currently experiencing internal friction, and it was looking to groups like Haliburton County to see "how it is done".

The meeting also heard about the work of the HCACL's committees.

Lynne Tate of the support/services committee said her group had this year developed a questionnaire aimed at getting feedback on services. The responses to the questionnaires would be tabulated over the summer.

Tom Vos of the fund-raising committee said fund-raising last year totalled \$7519.

Association president Pat Burke said the committees were always able to use more volunteers and she urged anyone interesting in becoming involved to do so.



ABOVE: The Haliburton County Association for Community Living has launched its Flowers of Hope campaign. Six thousand flyers will be sent out this week, outlining the work of the HCACL and seeking donations. Funds raised through the appeal will go towards continuing the work which HCACL has been doing for the past 35 years. As board member Tom Vos pointed out just a \$1.00 donation for each flyer sent out would bring in \$6000. Pictured at the appeal launch are employees, board members and the people they serve.

LEFT: Gerry Dawson and Lynda Easton display the plaques which acknowledge their life membership to the Haliburton County Association for Community Living. The pair were presented with the life memberships during HCACL's annual meeting.



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Red Cross can only partially fill requests for blood supplies

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Tanya Stewart.

"Normally all the blood banks at hospitals place their orders at the

central bank in Toronto once a week, but because the Red Cross is low on supplies it's only partially filling orders," said Stewart.

As of yesterday morning, the Red Cross had only 684 units of blood available for 61 hospitals in Central Ontario. A shortage is considered critical when supplies drop below 1,100 units.

The dwindling blood stock has forced some hospitals cancel elective surgery procedures, she said.

The Red Cross is hop-

ing to refill its reserves by scheduling additional blood donor clinics over the summer.

On July 9 a clinic will be held at the Haliburton Legion from 3-7:30 p.m. Organizers are aiming to collect at least 200 litres of blood. They are urging all healthy individuals between 17 and 70 to donate blood.

In Peterborough, clinics will be held July 2 at the Royal Canadian Legion from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. and from 5-8 p.m., and at Trinity United Church on July 3 from 1-5 p.m.

Peacock is hoping people will make the effort to donate blood to help people like her husband, for whom the shortage is not merely an inconvenience, but potentially a matter of life and death.

People can help by attending the blood donor clinic at the Haliburton Legion on July 9



WILBERFORCE STUDENTS CLEAN UP GLAD CONTEST: Last month, Wilberforce students joined a community effort to clean up 23 kilometres of highway. With Ken Noble volunteering to drive them around the village, they filled 427 Glad garbage bags provided by Wilberforce IGA. (Owner Bob Park, centre, says that after cans, dirty

diapers were the most common item found.) It turns out that Wilberforce kids collected the most garbage in a Glad-sponsored clean-up day contest, earning them a \$500 donation. Principal Ted Glendinning says the money will likely be used for special school events.

Summer camp fund makes "world of difference" for kids

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

In the past decade, 235 children have been given the opportunity to attend a summer camp through the Victoria-Haliburton Summer Camp Fund.

Barb Fraser of the Case Co-ordination Program says funds are currently being raised to send children to camps this summer.

Between Victoria and Haliburton counties, it is hoped \$20,000 will be raised.

So far, \$5,700 has been raised locally, with donations still being

accepted. Case hopes to sponsor 40 children from Haliburton County. Currently, there is a waiting list.

The program caters for children, aged between seven and 14, who could otherwise not afford to attend summer camp.

Fraser said the children generally attend local camps, such as Medeba, Glen Mhor or Allsaw.

Fraser said the camp program does "the world of good" for the children. It is a break for parents and it gives the children a week of fun. The children have the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy new experiences.

Fraser praised both the local community and the summer camps for their continued support.

She said without the financial support of businesses, community groups and individuals, the camp program would not be possible.

Fraser also paid tribute to the camps for their support and flexibility in meeting the needs of children taking part in the summer camp Program. For more information, call 457-1888.

Case Co-ordination, meanwhile, has received reassurances about continued funding for summer for the Access to Integration Program.

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Minden student flips for exchange trip 'Down Under'

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

When Jess Wallace attempts to describe her year in Australia, she finds words often fail her.

She says there are simply not enough words to convey just how much she enjoyed her year "Down Under".

It was, Jess says, the most incredible year of her life.

Jess lived near Katoomba in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales on a Minden Rotary exchange program. She has been back on Lake Kashagawigamog for less than a fortnight.

During her stay Jess lived with three families and each, she says, was wonderful.

While in Australia, Jess attended high school in Katoomba and was in Year 12, the final year of secondary schooling for New South Wales students.

Having prepared herself for wearing a uniform, Jess arrived in the Blue Mountains to find she would be attending a school

which did not have a uniform requirement, an unusual arrangement in Australia.

Jess also found herself having to contend with cold mountain weather, something she had not expected.

It's little wonder then, that one of her favourite trips was to Surfers Paradise on the coast of Queensland.

In fact, Jess has gone so far as to proclaim Surfers Paradise as her favourite place on the whole planet!

But her Australian travels did not end there.

Jess visited Canberra, Australia's capital city, rode a Harley-Davidson motorcycle around Ayers Rock as well as climb the famed outback landmark, and visiting "outback" areas such as Alice Springs, Broken Hill and Coober Pedy.

She went snorkelling and scuba diving at Cairns in Queensland, saw the Great Barrier Reef and made numerous trips to Sydney, the capital of New South Wales which is

close by the Blue Mountains.

In Sydney, Jess went to theatre, saw performances of Italian opera at the Sydney Opera House and cruised the Sydney Harbour.

Jess laughs as she says she also caught performances by two top Canadian performers, Celine Dion and Alanis Morissette.

Jess learned about the culture of Australian Aborigines and tried some of their traditional dishes, including witchetty grubs and termite eggs. She's proud of the fact she won a boomerang throwing competition.

Kangaroos were top of the list of animals Jess saw, but she has also cuddled a koala and hugged a wombat.

As for what she found different about Australia when she compares it to Canada, Jess found everything was different.

She says the language, food, clothes and the school system were all very different.

Jess says she tried hard to develop an Aussie accent, but was unable to do so.



HONOURARY AUSSIE: Jess Wallace is back home in Haliburton after spending a year in Australia as a Rotary exchange student. Wearing a jacket covered in the many badges she collected during her stay, Jess shows off some of the souvenirs she brought back.

Even so, Jess says prawns, not shrimp, when she talks about Australian seafood and pronounces "Cairns" in the Aussie way.

Jess cannot name anything about her year in Australia that she did not like. Even engine trouble during her flight home, which saw her temporarily stranded in Honolulu, did not dim her enthusiasm.

Jess' mom Mary is obviously pleased to have her daughter home, but she is also understandably proud of what Jess

undertook during the past year.

Mary says she and her three other children would love to go with Jess to Australia one day, so they can see what they have heard so much about.

Jess, meanwhile, is hoping to return to Australia for a second visit as soon as possible.

Incidentally, what did Jess think of that Australian staple - Vegemite?

"I loved it," she says, with a grin. That definitely makes her an honorary Aussie!

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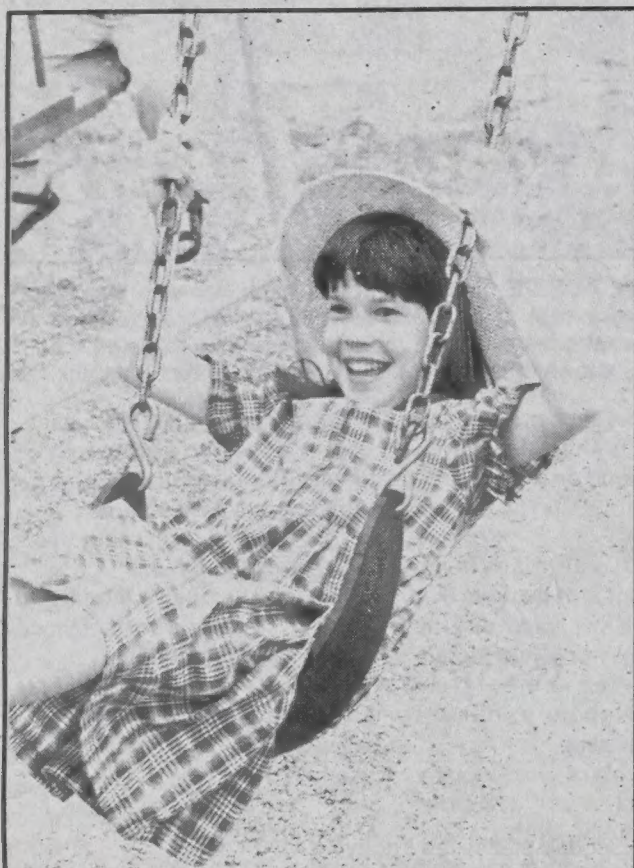
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Families of Kindergarten students at Victoria Street School were invited to the school on Wednesday and Thursday to help the students mark their graduation into the big leagues. Students in the three classes performed songs for their relatives and then celebrated with baked goodies and lemonade. In the top photo at right, teacher Wilma Powers and Educational Assistant Jennifer McInnes pose with their class. In the lower photo at right are Mrs. Powers and teacher Rosemary Malott with their classes. At left, Natalia Salvatori has fun on the swings after the formal ceremony.

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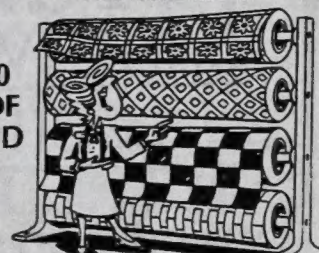


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Get vaccination or go home

Up to 100 Haliburton students face suspension over measles shots

This September, as many as 3000 students in kindergarten through OAC could be suspended from school for lack of measles vaccination.

The Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit estimates that there are as many as 1500 of these students in Victoria County, 1400 in Northumberland and 100 in Haliburton County. These students have yet to take advantage of the province-wide Red Measles Revaccination Program that was offered in all schools last spring.

Approximately 30,000 students in the three counties have already been revaccinated in school. The

Health Unit is offering a final clinic for those who were missed. As of September, any student without a second dose of measles vaccine (or a medical or religious exemption to such a vaccine) will be suspended from school.

The final measles clinics will

run at the Haliburton Health Unit office on Thursday, June 27 from mid-afternoon to supper time.

All students must comply with Bill 142, the Immunization of School Pupils Act or face suspension from school. To date, this Act has only required one dose of measles vaccine. However, there have been serious outbreaks of measles in immunized school children over the past few years.

Orders to suspend students who have not received Red Measles vaccinations will be served in September.

Last spring the Ministry of Health moved to offer revaccination to all students before Bill 142 was amended to require a second dose vaccine as a condition of attendance at school.

This amendment will be in place this summer.

Measles is a serious disease. It can result in hearing trouble, pneumonia, brain damage and even death. It is one of the most highly infectious of the childhood diseases. It appears in 3 to 5 year cycles, the peak period

was in 1991-1992 with 8,000 cases in Ontario. The start of the current peak period was in 1995 with 2,303 cases in Ontario and more expected for 1996. Though single dose vaccination programs have reduced the number and severity of cases over

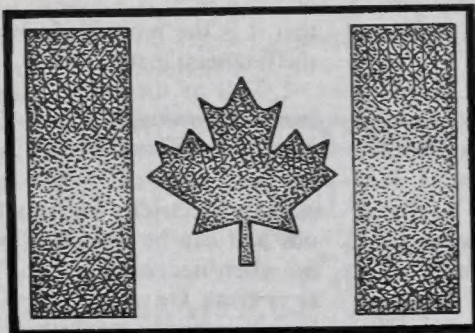
the past two decades, there are unfortunately still many children who became seriously ill, are hospitalized, or suffer complications. Sadly, some still die despite vaccination. In 1989, in Quebec, five students died from measles complications; none of

these students had received two doses of vaccine.

The Health Unit is mandated to enforce that law and intends to do so vigorously. Orders to suspend students from school will be served in September.



REVENGE IS BEST SERVED COLD: Grade 2 students at Victoria Street School use their water pistols to get back at their teacher Darlene Hill for a year's worth of school work. Actually, it was Mrs. Hill's idea to allow the class to give her a soaking on the last day of classes Friday.



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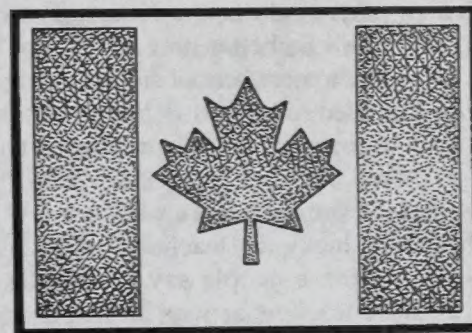
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Editorial

A year of fun

LAST SEPTEMBER, the students in Darlene Hill's Grade 2 class at Victoria Street School didn't know how to multiply, do "take-aways" or tell the time. Nine months of information gestation later, they can do all those things – and more. Yet to hear them talk, Miss Hill hasn't made them work at all this year. No, they'll tell you that the past year was fun and easy, not in the least bit challenging.

So how come they now know how to do math, which seems simple only in hindsight?

"She wanted us to learn it and she was so nice, she asked us to do it and we did," replies one student, ready to graduate to the "big school", otherwise known as J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Asked for his favourite thing in the past year, another student says it was Miss Hill returning to class after breaking her ankle. Why? Because she's a good teacher. But what makes a good teacher? "She's nobody else except just her."

In classes around this county, you could ask the same questions and nine times out of 10, get the same answers. This past year has been an exciting one in our county schools. Adults may call it "learning", but kids are much smarter when they call it "fun." Learning is fun, or at least it can be when you have a teacher dedicated to his or her job. And in Haliburton County, there are a lot of those teachers.

Just imagine the tremendous feeling you get when the hieroglyphics on a page suddenly unscramble themselves and become words. The sense of satisfaction when you present an idea in class and the teacher takes it seriously. The hours of studying for an exam made all the worthwhile by a teacher's positive comments about the result. It's easy to romanticize youth, but there's no better time to feel you've achieved something. When you start school not knowing very much, every piece of knowledge gained is a source of pride. No wonder there were so many tears last week when parents, students and teachers closed the book on another year of learning.

Now that it's summer, there will be a few people who grumble about how lucky the teachers are to have the summer off. But what did those people say during the school year when many of those teachers arrived at the school at 8 in the morning and didn't leave until 5 or 6? Were they in the teachers' kitchens on a Sunday afternoon when the teacher planned the next week's lesson or marked an endless number of assignments? Every minute they're in class, teachers have to be "on", not allowing themselves any down time because they know that's the time their students would pounce. Being a good teacher is exhausting and summer is a much-needed time to renew their energies so they can be ready for another year of challenging students' brains.

Because we are so accustomed to our teachers, we sometimes don't realize what a special thing we have going here. Teachers who come here from other areas are amazed by the dedication and teamwork in constant evidence. It's one of the things that made Australian exchange teacher Tracy Smith want to stay in Haliburton. What struck her the most was how the teachers were friends with each other, and with that came all the sharing that friendship implies, both within the school and after hours.

Most parents will probably realize how hard the teachers work by the end of this week. How do the teachers get 25 six-year-olds to do what they want, when channelling the behaviour of just one of them can be so exhausting? There may be tears in their eyes in June, but in September parents are all smiles when their energetic youngsters get on the bus.

Teachers get blamed for a lot of today's social ills, and this edition of The Echo is an annual opportunity to thank and praise them. There's a lot to be proud of in the pages of our celebration of school achievements.

Oh, and in case you're wondering, Miss Hill ended a year of hard work with typical flare by hosting a water fight. She even allowed herself to be "in limits" during target practice. "Just beware," she warned her students, her fish-shaped water gun pointing menacingly in their direction, "I'm armed and I'm dangerous." And a whole lot of fun.

M.P.



Highlands Sunset

by Len Pizzey

Letters to the Editor

Two Haliburton Lions regret need to resign

To the Editor:

After seven years with the Haliburton District Lions Club, on Tuesday night, I sadly handed in my resignation. I have always been proud to be a Lion, dedicated to its community work, but recent events within the local Club have made me feel uncomfortable and I felt I could no longer remain with the group.

I would like to thank all the people who've sold tickets to over the years – and I've sold thousands, as they know – and I am already missing the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. Don't be surprised if you find me selling other people's tickets!

Bill Hartin
RR 2 Haliburton

To the Editor:

Due to incidents that have taken place within the Haliburton District Lions Club, I have resigned. As president, I tried to clear up many of the issues, but couldn't, and now after 17 years of being a Lion, I will no longer be associated with the Haliburton Club.

I am still here to serve the community in any way I can and hope I can be back in full force one day.

Doug King
Carnarvon

Think twice before selling off Hydro

To the Editor:

The Macdonald Committee Report (herein called the Committee) is now public knowledge but how many people will take the time to digest 162 pages that suggest that the people of Ontario take (what it amounts to) a "leap of faith" towards privatization of Ontario Hydro.

Almost 10 years ago Mr. Macdonald was involved with another committee that came up with the same phrase "take a leap of faith". That committee was looking into entering into a FREE TRADE deal with the U.S. How many Canadian jobs moved from Canada to the U.S. because of that "leap of faith"?

The Macdonald Committee is advocating that we in Ontario break up Hydro, sell most of the profitable parts and go for free trade in electricity. We are not supposed to ask why, just do it without analyzing the consequences because it should work. The Committee has no guarantees but as they have said so many times in the report "We Believe". This Committee must have been working on a scene for a Peter Pan movie.

Some of the recommendations are as follows:

1. Privatize Hydro Electric generation, except those at Niagara (privatizing Niagara might cause a public furor so leave it alone for now). Why sell off the most profitable, cheapest, cleanest and renewable resource? The answer is

that it is the most profitable for the financial institutions.

2. Sell of the Fossil Stations (these burn coal and oil). These stations are very important because they are a source of standby electricity for peak periods and can be used as a back-up when necessary. At the present time Ontario Hydro has lucrative contracts with neighbouring states to supply power.

3. Break up the nuclear plants into separate competing entities. If forced to compete among themselves, maintenance and safety measures would be compromised and as competitors, communication and the sharing of information would be minimal.

4. Form new companies (distribution) from Ontario Hydro Retail and the Municipal Electrical Utilities. Will the rate equity remain in the province for agricultural and resource-based communities? What is to stop the privatization of these companies after a restructuring process. What would be the benefit to the people of Ontario?

5. Allow any generator in North America to sell power in Ontario. This would cause the paying down the debt to be jeopardized. If Hydro does not pay down the debt from its profits in generation it will be the taxpayers of Ontario not the private owners who will have the additional expense.

6. Sell off Ontario Hydro International and Ontario Hydro Technologies. The expertise and

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The Echo welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must be signed, and may be edited for length. Mail to Box 360, Haliburton, K0M 1S0

My Little Utopia

IT'S THURSDAY as I write. The most lovely rain is falling on my gardens. Finally. All week, CBC radio went on about all the rain in southwest Ontario. And I hear that on TV, they showed various farmers trying all sorts of ways to drain the excess water from their vegetables crops. But here on Tonarosa Farms North, my raised beds were dry. One night I lugged watering cans through the garden until my back caved in.

Wednesday, Joe Cote predicted rain for Haliburton. Even said it was raining.

It looked like it might have been misting on the backside of Cranberry Lake. But nary

a drop fell on my peas and beans. It was my own fault. If I hadn't taken my raincoat to town with me, we'd have had our showers.

However, now it's honest to goodness wet. Splashing on my crankout windows and back deck. Humming on the metal barn roof. Seeping down to the roots of all the garden veggies and blossoms. You can sense the leaves reaching up to gulp it down.

I can't work in the garden today. Oh, it's almost all planted. Except for the last twelve okra seedlings. And I still have to soak and plant the parsnips in that really deep front bed. It will take a couple of weeks, on and off, to get all the peas and pole beans tied all the way up the fences. This year, I swear I'll keep up with the weeds and mulching. It's also time for

some fish emulsion.

I definitely need some rainy days. If only to force me to weed the cobwebs and dust bunnies out of my house. Some of the windows still have that wood stove film on them. Then there's 'that room'. The one with the desk and the typewriter and everything there's no place else for.

I guess everyone knows by now that we'll never make the cover of any of those "House and Garden" type magazines. The house is too (shall be say) comfortable.

While we do manage some flowers, half of them are wild. And even though we grow

enough interesting vegetables to feed lots of people, I suspect the classy mags would have trouble finding eggplants, okra, and tomatoes grown in tires esthetically pleasing enough to feature on their covers.

We, however, are very pleased. The forest around us, the grasses and plants are a multitude of radiant greens. The wildflower patches in the field are red and white and yellow. Our young trees have closed use away from the road, and seem to be drawing more birds to nest. The bitterns, a pair of geese, and the occasional deer feed in our back yard. What more could we want.

And if I plaster myself with sunblock, wear a damp hat to keep my head cool, tuck my pants into my socks, and my gloves into the sleeves of my bug shirt, I can stay out in my utopia most of the day.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel



Pic of the Past

Square dancers will fondly remember this gang. (They might also get exhasuted remembering how fast they were made to dance to keep up with the music.) The Rambling Highlanders were very popular entertainers who travelled from Haliburton to Lindsay to keep dancers happy. From left are Doug

Mumford, Ross Mumford, square dance caller Ron Mumford, pianist Terry Spracket and Ted Mumford. Local cottager Jennifer Fowler has a story about one of their favourite Highlands venues in this week's edition of *County Life*. Our thanks to Ron Mumford of Harcourt for sharing this photo with us.

The morning stroll

IT REALLY was a wonderful morning, still early for a Sunday at barely past 8:30. Kevin and Amy were seated in their kitchen, looking out over the lake. Through the screened windows, the air was alive with the sound of birds and a faint but definite hum of insects. No motor boats or cars had yet begun to stir.

Amy was looking down at her breakfast when Kevin told her he saw a moose. She jerked her head up. A deer she could easily believe. But this was not the kind of terrain where you saw moose.

First there were four long, thin legs slowly moving from behind a wall of tree branches. The road in front of their house separated them from the lake and along that road ambled a rather scrawny looking moose. It was not in a hurry. In fact, it seemed almost hesitant, taking a few steps then stopping to swing its great head from side to side as though trying to decide what direction to follow.

The first thing Kevin thought of was cars. A car coming around the curve in the road



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

would be as startled to see the moose as they had been. What on earth was it doing there, of all places, he silently wondered. There were no marshes nearby, no watery, weedy feeding areas. Just a narrow paved road, rocky lakeshore and the odd cottage.

Amy thought the bugs must have driven it out of the bush. It certainly did not appear to be in any hurry to return there.

The moose walked past their house then hesitated again at the bottom of the driveway. Kevin could not believe his eyes as the moose moved slowly closer up the driveway, giving he and Amy a better look with every step it took.

Amy wanted to know what was hanging from its chin. Kevin noticed the antlers starting to emerge on each side of its skull. Amy whispered about the scruffy-looking fur. Kevin was in awe of the longer fur running down its neck, almost like a

short horse mane. Neither one of them had been so close to a real, live moose.

Then the moose stopped at the top of the driveway and turned back. A few yards along it stopped again, looking up at the embankment that led to their neighbour's cottage. Amy's flower bed lay in the way. Turning its huge head, it majestically moved off the driveway, heading straight up the side of the hill. Amy rested her head on her arm, thinking her primroses were done for.

In a minute, the moose was gone. They saw its shape fade into the trees, leaving not a leaf stirring in its wake. The neighbours were still in the city.

The primroses were fine. Amy ran outside to check, getting five blackfly bites for her trouble. Kevin brought his camera up to the kitchen, just in case the moose made a return appearance. They knew that was unlikely. Then a motor boat started out in the middle of the lake and a van came around the curve in the road, its side mirrors whistling in the wind. Things were back to normal.

More Letters to the Editor

Find safer busing alternatives

To the Editor:

Re: School board's new busing policy, which says students may have to walk up to two kilometres to catch a bus.

I feel there are better and more creative ways to come up with the funds needed to top up the transportation budget and ensure safe transportation for the children. We don't have to follow what the other boards are doing and cut the buses! We can do it our own way and be proud of that!

It is my hope that the board seriously reconsiders the decision to cut bussing or at the very least, takes a very long and hard look at the routes that the children will have to take and be sure they are going to be safe.

Everyone is responsible for the safety of the children of this county. No one could live with a child being hurt or killed, all for the sake of the dollars that I know could be found elsewhere.

Jan McMaster,
Haliburton

Assumptions are not facts

FROM page 10

technological advances of these businesses is recognized all over the world as being the best and generate millions in revenue each year.

The Macdonald report admits they did not actually study the effects of privatization on electricity rates but they said they believe public power will be cheaper. They have beliefs and assumptions but no facts. If Ontario Hydro were to remain in public hands with minor low rates will be maintained, competition will be realized, debt will be paid down (not by the taxpayer), safety would be compromised and the profits would go

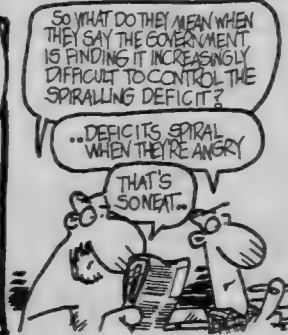
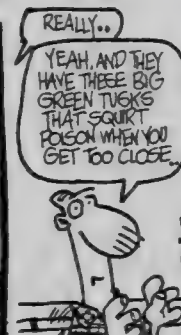
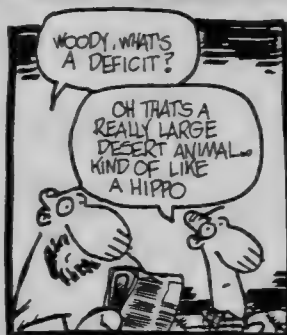
to lower rates and the provincial coffers instead of shareholders and Bay street financiers. All it would take are leaders that are interested in consumer and taxpayer concerns and not to satisfy the need for Bay and Wall Street to make more profits on the backs of the Ontario people.

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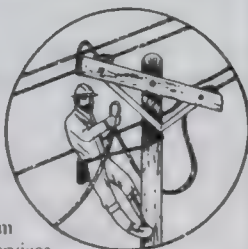
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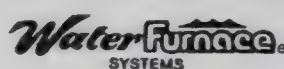
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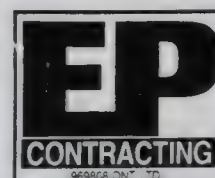
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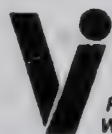
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Dorset wins big by getting active

Dorset Elementary School recently received news of a special achievement. The school recorded the highest number of classes participating in the Activity Challenge amongst all Haliburton County Elementary Schools.

The Activity Challenge, organized and sponsored by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (Health Unit), encouraged teachers and students to take time each day to become more physically active.

For Dorset Elementary School this win was doubly impressive. They not only won for the highest participation but also in the category of developing the most innovative ideas as well.

"Daily physical activity is vitally important to a child's overall health," commented Leslie Orpana, the Health Unit's Director of Nutrition and Health Promotion. "Ideally, every student should be physically active on a daily basis. Not just fitness and sports in the gym, but making use of the classroom and the outdoors any time and any place."

The Health Unit's Active Living Challenge involved

schools from across Haliburton, Victoria and Northumberland Counties. A total of 1,326 students participated. Each participating class recorded the amount of time spent each day on QDPE (Quality Daily Physical Education) and the different ways in which activities were incorporated into classroom curriculum.

The winning school from each of the three counties each received one hundred dollars for the highest level of participation. The winning class with the most innovative activity will enjoy a trip to the local bowling alley for an afternoon of fun and activity.

Quality Daily Physical Education (QDPE) involves a planned program of instruction and activity for all students on a daily basis, added Mrs. Orpana. She noted that the Haliburton County Board of Education has been working over the past two years to fully implement QDPE in all of their elementary schools. She is encouraged that the Ministry of Education and Training has included learning outcomes for physical education as laid out in the Common Curriculum.

Mrs. Orpana pointed out that



AN ACTIVITY A DAY: These Dorset school students know that Quality Daily Physical Education doesn't have to mean sports. Led by Principal Debbie Wales, the students do one of the dances they've built into their daily routine, earning them kudos from the District Health Unit.

active living for students can improve academic performance, fitness levels, social behaviour, morale and discipline, and best of all be fun and enjoyable. To back up her claims Mrs. Orpana

cited some disturbing statistics. The Ontario Medical Association estimate that children are up to 40 percent less active than they were 30 years ago. Also, the Canadian

Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation believes that on average, children watch over 26 hours of television a week, in addition to sitting in school for 25 to 30

hours per week.

The Health Unit is encouraged by the success of the Activity Challenge and is already busy making plans for next year's event.

Orioles quickly rebound after loss

The Orioles, after suffering their first loss at home in over two years, rebounded in hammering their opponent by a 12 to 8 score. The 20 runs scored in this game left both fans and players wondering if the winds associated with Coors Field had blown cross country and settled in the friendly confines of West Guilford.

There were three home runs in the game, two by the opposition but most notable was the 'Grand Slam' straight away centre off a charged-up Mike Morissette bat. This shot left no doubt when it left the bat - leaving the park in a milli-second. Scoring on the play were Forgrave, Hebert, Reynolds and Morissette, as the Orioles took a nine-

to-four lead over the Sunderland squad.

The Orioles scored three more runs in the third inning as Johnston, Durkin and Forgrave came around to score. This would be the end of the Oriole run production, as the O's put the game in cruise, allowing Sunderland to score twice in the fifth and two more in the seventh.

Despite giving up eight runs to the opposition, the pitching staff of Mole, Reynolds and Forgrave put in a creditable effort against a heavy hitting opponent.

Action for the Sid Stamp Fuels team was at home Sunday, June 23, versus Lindsay and completing the homestand, Sunday, June 30 against Fenelon Falls.

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Yankees (Haliburton Lumber)	3	1	1	-
Red Sox (Kennisis Lake Marine)	2	3	0	1.5
Blue Jays (Emmerson Lumber)	1	4	0	3

Last week's results: Indians 9 Blue Jays 4; Yankees 12 Red Sox 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	T	GB
Cardinals (Home Town Fashions)	3	2	0	-
Royals (Halco Electronics)	3	2	0	-
Athletics (Sharpley Sports)	2	3	0	1
Orioles (McKeck's Place)	2	3	0	1

Last week's results: Cardinals 20 Royals 1; Athletics 11 Orioles 4

CANADIAN LEAGUE	W	L	T	GB
Marlins (Curry Motors)	3	1	1	-
Phillies (G.J. Burtch Construction)	3	2	0	.5
Pirates (valu-mart)	3	2	0	.5
Rockies (Rodco Enterprises)	3	2	0	.5
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Last week: Dodgers 9 Rockies 4; Brewers 13 Marlins 8; Phillies 8 Pirates 7

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O'Reilly congratulated Marcel Crete and Ian Moorhouse for competing in and finishing the 100th Boston Marathon.

"Both individuals have received attention from Haliburton, but the rest of the riding and Canada should be informed of

the huge accomplishment this is. I mean 38,000 other competitors all had one thing on their mind - finish the race. I'm sure in the years to come, these two men, will have fond memories of the famous race. People in Victoria-Haliburton do have very special people, and I want to make the riding aware of the fine accomplishments these men and others are achieving."



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Gooderham grads

Students have amazing year before it's time to move on to JDHES

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Gooderham School celebrated the end of an "amazing" year by acknowledging the hard work and commitment that made it all possible.

Thursday's awards presentation and Grade 6 graduation saw a full house at the Glamorgan Community Centre. The students were brimming with pride at their achievements — and with the

excited tension of knowing there was just one more day before summer holidays began.

Students from each of the grades were given ribbons for subjects they excelled in, and then there were grade awards for top students in four categories: Perfect Attendance, Citizenship, Academics and Physical Education. (See photos page 17.)

The men and women who gladly volunteer their time at the school were

also praised for always being willing to help out when needed: Anne Costeloe, Shelley Hunter, Bob Winder, Sonja Laws, Pat Steel, Susan Brindle-Smith, Marta Mihaldinecz, Cathy Graham, Faye Snider and Carolyn Beard.

The only hint of sadness was saying goodbye to Jim Hopkins, a teacher who has endeared himself to students, fellow teachers and parents, one of whom nominated him for the TVO Teacher of the Year Award. He's moving on to Victoria Street School, but his influence at Gooderham won't be forgotten. Principal Ruth Lewis initiated an environmental award in his honour, saying "we've got a pretty special guy here. He's someone who's always positive and have something nice to say. That's a real gift — the gift to make people feel loved and cared for."

The first recipient was Josh Schultz, who that morning had brought in a butterfly he had found.



GRADUATES OF GOODERHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Moving on to Gr. 7 are, from left, Tina Costeloe, Lacey Trotter, Ashley Hunter, Billy Hunter and Jenny Laws. Jenny thanked the school and the parents for their help and support. "We really appreciate all you've done for all of us."

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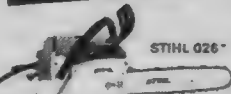
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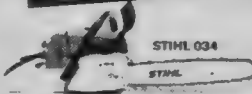
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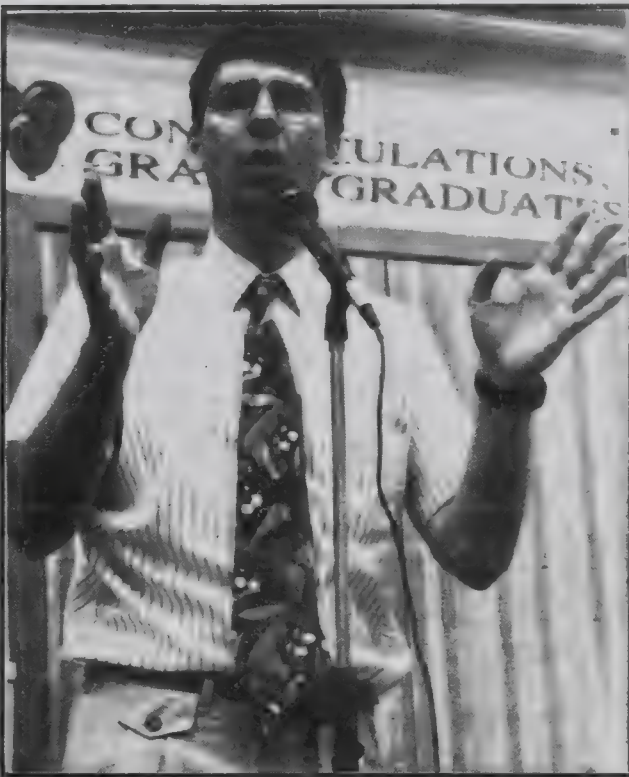


ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Students with the highest marks in each grade were, from left: Kelly Dobson, Amanda Steel, David Brindle, Tina Costeloe. Back row: Tammy Billings, Ashley Hunter and Jenny Laws.

Awards



PERFECT ATTENDANCE: The only student who went to school every day was Karen Dobson.



THE MAN WHO TALKS WITH HIS HANDS: A special environmental award was named in honour of teacher Jim Hopkins, who's moving to Victoria Street School.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Students who took an active approach were, from left: Justin Stoughton, Devin Hunter and Tim Pettit. Back row: Andy Sayers, Billy Hunter and Tricia Hunter.



CITIZENSHIP: The students in photo at right are good citizens in the classroom and school. From left: Front row: Elisa Noseworthy, Chris Sayers and Tiffany Billings. Back row: Carla Noseworthy, Lacey Trotter and Lynda

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HHSS grads mark achievements

Love, laughter, and just a hint of sadness filled the air on Saturday night as students, teachers, parents and friends gathered to celebrate the 44th annual Commencement at HHSS.

For the 135 graduating students, the night was a celebration of achievement and a time for most of them to say goodbye not only to high school, but to teachers and friends with whom they shared the past four or five years. It was also a beginning, as they prepare to move on to higher education, or to seek a place in the workforce.

Master of Ceremonies Louise Cooper was also saying goodbye, attending her last commencement as she prepares to retire after 27 years of teaching at HHSS. But it was a symbolic beginning for her as well, since she and her husband, Sid, also a former HHSS teacher, are moving to Korea for a two year teaching appointment. Her reflections on past commencements were greeted with heartfelt applause as a gesture of thanks for her years of enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the area's young people.

Principal Gary Brohman expressed confidence in the graduating class.

"I'm positive you have the tools, skills and ambition to look after yourselves" he said. He counselled the graduates to make wise choices and carry a positive attitude through life.

"Trust yourself, love your family, give hugs and kisses", strive for achievement but always applaud and cheer the successes of others.

"May all your dreams come true.... may the future be yours. You deserve it" he concluded.

Ontario Secondary School Diplomas were then presented to the following students:

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Curtis Reynolds

Weyrich, Kris Windover and Leigh Wood.

Grade 12 Valedictorian Curtis Reynolds reflected on the growth and change that he and his peers have experienced in their high school years, moving from late childhood through early adulthood. He credited teachers for the important role they play in helping students through those difficult years. Reynolds also urged his classmates to hold onto the memories of the

good times they had and the good friends they made at HHSS.

Next to cross the stage were students receiving their Ontario Academic Credit Certificates (formerly Grade 13). Graduating students are:

Stacey Bunn, Beth Cameron, Dianne Craigmyle, Cara Donnery, Jenn Dunford, Terri Edlington, Ryan Ellis, Robin Flood, Michelle

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ONTARIO SCHOLARS: Back row from left: Cara Donnery, Dan Selbie, Jamie Thivierge, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Ryan Ellis, Chris Pothaar, Will Wallace, Simon Reid, Tiffany Orpana, Anna Tomlinson, Scott Whittaker, Tim Stouffer. Front row from left: Krista McCracken, Jacoba Lilius, Aimee Mansfield, Terri Edlington, Meaghan Obee, Mike Hartwick, Margaret Teljeur, Tim Hughes, Sarah Hutchinson, Teressa Johnston, Sarah Levis.



OAC GRADUATES: Back row from left: Chris Pothaar, Dan Selbie, Travis Willison, Will Wallace, Jamie Thivierge, Tim Stouffer, Melissa Schaus, Tiffany Orpana, Anna Tomlinson, Simon Reid. Front row from left: Shaun Turner, Andrea Wilson, Scott Whittaker, Dinonne Warburton, Margaret Teljeur, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Carol Mowat, Krista McCracken, Aimee Mansfield, Meaghan Obee.



OAC GRADUATES: Back row from left: Ryan Ellis, Bill Koz, Tim Hughes, Mike Hartwick, Kim Harding, Sara Levis, Cara Donnery, Michelle Gartshore, Sarah Hutchinson. Front row from left: Jesse Longworth, Teressa Johnston, Robin Flood, Terri Edlington, Jenn Dunford, Jacoba Lilius, Ryan Goodall, Diane Craigmyle, Beth Cameron, Stacey Bunn.



ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS: Back row from left: Tom Neville, Jason Newell, Ryan Ladurantaye, Andrew McKelvey, Tim Keefer, Colin Klages, Chris Miniaci, Jeff Klapow. Front row from left: Andy Nesbitt, Lisa Packard, Amy McMahon, Sarah Johnson, Daniel Howell, Tania Mastervick, Dawn Mole, Mike Lyons, Kevin Murdoch.

Grads complete high school journey

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Gartshore, Ryan Goodall, Kim Harding, Christine Harper, Mike Hartwick, Tanya Hartwick, Tim Hughes, Sarah Hutchinson, Teresa Johnston, Bill Koz, Sarah Levis, Jacoba Lilius, Jesse Longworth, Aimee Mansfield, Krista McCracken, Carol Mowat, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Meaghan Obee, Tiffany Orpana, Chris Pothaar, Simon Reid, Melissa Schaus, Dan Selbie, Mark Stamp, Tim Stouffer, Margaret Teljeur, Jamie Thivierge, Anna Tomlinson,

Shaun Turner, Will Wallace, Dionna Warburton, Scott Whittaker, Travis Willison and Andrea Wilson.

OAC class Valedictorian Anna Tomlinson began her sometimes funny, sometimes philosophical address with a poem she had written. Focussing on the growth that high school years brings to students, it began: 'On our first day together/We were so full of fears/ Younger than those worshipped seniors/ By four or five years.' and concluded 'Since we entered

these halls/ We have come a long way/ Now we are the seniors/ And this is our day.'

"Today is a very special day" she said. "Today is a reflection of all the long hours of hard work we have put into our academics. Today it is our turn to wear our gowns with pride and say 'we did it!' And today is a chance for our parents and teachers to stand back and see the people we have become. It has been quite a journey to this stage from the Kindergarten playground and the games of



ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS: back row from left: Nathan Gibbons, Marianne Harvey, Michelle Howard, Katrina Hartin, Corine French, Chris Eskelin, Rachel Gartshore, Joel Edwards. Front row from left: Jeremy Durkin, Brock Glendinning, Nicole Graham, Connie Houghton, Mandy Harrison, Janine Garbutt, Adam Dunn, Angela Duhn, Leonard Dewey.

kissing tag we enjoyed so much. And as I look around at the many faces in the crowd, I see people who have shared our journey. Look around you graduates; see your friends, your families and your teachers. Take it all in and know that today is a day that each of you will hold in your memories forever."

Before the ceremony began, she had given each of the OAC graduates a monkey's fist necklace.

"The marble which is the centre and heart of the monkey's fist is symbolic of you, the graduate. It stands for all that you are and all that you have

become over the past 18 or 19 years, and especially during the last five years at Hal. High. It represents the inner beauty and strength that each of us possesses."

"But the marble is only the beginning of the monkey's fist. By graduating, you are beginning to form the second part of your monkey's fist. You are starting to tie the rope around the marble; you are starting to weave the pattern of your life."

She went on to reflect on many aspects of the journey through high school life... hard work, fun, sports, friends, sharing, learning,

the bonds that form between teachers and students.

In conclusion, she returned to the monkey's fist necklace, "a symbol of the growth which has been shared with friends, families and teachers here at Hal. High, but also an inspiring emblem of the stories of your lives, which are yet to be written. And I encourage you to go with confidence into the future because you are ready."

The night's final presentation was to the Ontario Scholars who achieved at least 80 percent in six OAC courses (pictured above).



ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA: Back row from left: Ryan Cummings, Scott Delorme, Kurt DeHaan, Wes deJong, Brad Crane, Nadine Balcombe, Jamie Bacon, Curtis Bain. Front row from left: Steve Chapple, Tanya Cowen, Josh Brown, Scott Bailey, Andrea Black, Wendy Butler, Tom Bagshaw, Kendra Anderson, Emely Alvarez.

Due to a technical problem, a photograph of the fourth group of Ontario Secondary School Diploma recipients is not available. *The Echo* apologizes for this unfortunate circumstance.



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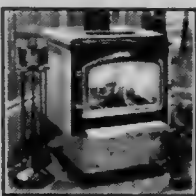
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Cardiff grads prepared for challenges of high school

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Athletic. Assertive. Bold. Creative. Daring. Knowledgeable. Mischievous.

Those are just a few of the many adjectives Cardiff Elementary School principal Rosie Kenney used to describe the 12 Grade 8 graduates who reached an early milestone in their lives Friday when they finished their elementary school careers.

But most of all, she said, the new graduates are "talented, teachable and truly terrific."

It has taken the combined dedication and hard work of school staff, classmates, parents and the graduates themselves to get to the point where they are ready to advance to high school.

And as long as the students continue to show the same determined attitude in the face of future obstacles, their "dreams can become realities," said Kenney.

This year's ceremonies were extra special for Kenney because it was the last Grade 8 class she will see graduate from Cardiff. She and Wilberforce Elementary School principal Ted Glendinning will switch schools beginning in September.



'TALENTED, TEACHABLE AND TRULY TERRIFIC': Outgoing Cardiff principal Rosie Kenney, who moves to Wilberforce next year, and Grade 7/8 teacher Paul Way pose with this year's Grade 8 graduates (bottom from left): Dawn Hall, Amanda Rose, Amanda Knott, Katherine Andersen, Candice Podres, Tammy Partridge, (top, from left) Michelle Cook, Brian Cook, Darren Naulls, Adam Passaretti, Sabrina Packard and Michelle Hogan.

Grade 7/8 teacher Paul Way said he looks on the students' graduation with mixed emotions.

In some ways, he joked, it will be nice to have a couple of months to recuperate from the long school year. But he will also miss the students.

"You know that I love each and every one of you," he told the class. And many of the students, who said goodbye to Mr. Way with tears in their eyes, are also feeling mixed emotions about their departure from public school.

Haliburton County board of Education director Brad Saunders said the great school spirit at Cardiff was clearly evident in the pride classmates, parents, school staff and community members took in the graduates.

"You've got a tremendous crop of new graduates going on to high school, and that's what this board of education is all about — kids and quality education," he said.

Saunders urged the students to get the most of their years at high school by getting involved.

"Those four of five years can go by very, very quickly," he warned the grads.

THE CARDIFF GRADUATING CLASS OF 1996: Katherine Anderson (Honours), Brian Cook, Michelle Cook, Dawn Hall, Michelle Hogan, Amanda Knott (Honours), Darren Naulls, Sabrina Packard, Tammy Partridge, Adam Passaretti, Candice Podres and Amanda Rose.

GRADE 8 AWARDS: Math — Amanda Knott, donated by Cardiff Corner Store; French — Katherine Andersen, donated by Whispering Pines; History — Katherine Andersen, donated by Cardiff Community Club; Geography — Sindi Hawley, donated by Dawn Hall; Phys Ed — Amanda Knott, donated by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 566; Science — Brian Cook, donated by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 566; Music — Katherine Andersen and Dawn Hall, donated by Jean Thomas; Academic Achievement — Katherine Andersen, donated by Cardiff Fire Department; Most Improved Grade 7/8 Student — Jeremy Scullion, donated by Cardiff Community Club; Special Distinction Award — Darren Naulls, donated by OPS; Leadership — Katherine Andersen, FWTA; Top Male Athlete — Adam Passaretti, donated by Dastek Services; Top Female Athlete — Candice Podres, donated by Dastek Services.

OTHER AWARDS AND BURSARIES:

Citizenship (all donated by Home & School Association) Kindergarten — Ann Covert, Grade 1/2 — Brittany Yateman, Grade 2/3 Allison Rivett, Grade 4/5/6 — Laurie Mumford and Grade 7/8 — Darren Naulls.

Bicroft Township Awards: Academic — Amanda Knott; Athletic — Sean Mulhall; and Co-operation and Enthusiasm — Michelle Cook.

Roland Zeitz Reading Awards: Primary — Jesse Harnden; Junior — Tom Rivett.

Perfect Attendance Awards: Ann Covert, Brittany Yateman, Krystin Yateman, Joey Hogan and Crystal Moody.

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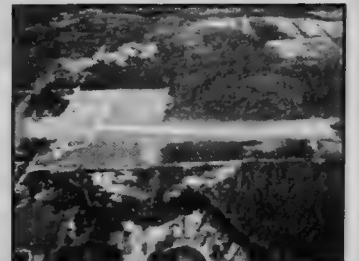
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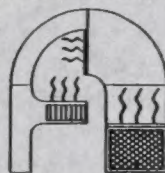
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Wilberforce graduation

Ted Glendinning says goodbye after seven years as principal



FAREWELL: Graduating students from Grade Six at Wilberforce Elementary School last week bid goodbye to their class teachers, Gary Simmons, front left, and Janice Benoit, back right, and school principal Ted Glendinning, who is leaving the school to take up a position at Cardiff. The Grade Six pupils this year were David Arsenault, Dale Brennan, Matthew Burke, Michael Burke, Ben DeCarlo, Eugene DeCarlo, Kate Foulds, Michael Jones, Karl Klapow, Tom Mt. Pleasant, Bradley Park, Andy Rivers and Alicia Robar.



AWARD WINNERS: The prize winners at Wilberforce were (left) Kate Foulds for citizenship, David Arsenault for the kilometre club, Tom Mt. Pleasant for most improved, and (above), back from left, Laura Riley for flag monitoring and athletic excellence, Tanya Hutchinson for flag monitoring, Meghan Foulds for musical excellence, Mathew Manary for academic excellence and Kevin Bowman for athletic excellence.

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Highland shoppers relying more on plastic

By JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

The use of the Interac direct payment system is reportedly becoming so popular it now rivals cheque-writing and credit cards as a payment option.

The Interac Association says there were more than 130 million debit card transactions during the first quarter of 1996, compared with 68 million transactions for the same period last year.

In 1995 Canadians bought almost \$19-billion worth of goods and services with their debit cards, \$9-billion more than the previous year.

Recently-released statistics show Canadians used Interac more than four times as often as customers in the United States.

But how many people use the facilities in Haliburton?

A growing number of stores in the village are installing the direct payment facilities.

Groceries, pharmaceuticals, alcohol, gas, videos, clothing and more can also be purchased from stores in Haliburton using Interac.

Chuck O'Neil of Haliburton IGA says the number of customers using the Interac facility is continually growing. For the IGA, the facility was seen as a

service to customers, and one which he viewed as worthwhile.

For businesses, there is a monthly transaction charge, as well as the cost of hiring the direct payment equipment and of installing and maintaining telephone lines needed to link the store's Interac with banks.

O'Neil describes the fees and costs as "reasonable".

According to staff of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario's Haliburton store, the use of Interac facilities as a means of payment is now more popular than using a cheque.

For the customer, the cost of using Interac varies according to the type of bank account they have, the balance in that account and which bank they frequent.

The cost of making an Interac transaction is free to some customers, while others can pay up to 45 cents.

Of course, those people who do not have a bank account with a debit card, which also allows them to use automatic baking machines and telephone banking services, would need to make arrangements for such an account.

But why do people use Interac rather than pay for their purchases with cash, a cheque or credit card?

Ask shoppers this question,



PAYING ON PLASTIC: Interac use at local stores, such as IGA, where Karen Clements runs through a transaction, continues to grow. Shoppers say the convenience of using their bank cards to pay for goods and services appeals to them.

and there will be a variety of responses.

Convenience would appear to top shoppers' list.

According to one working mother of two teenagers, using Interac cuts down on a trip to the bank to take out the cash before going grocery shopping.

As a rule this shopper makes a

point of writing the amount she spends in her bank book, right there in the store so there can be no confusion or miscalculation later.

But why else would shoppers prefer a card over cash? In a Haliburton drug store, a young woman purchases several items and pays for them with a debit

card.

She had some cash with her, she said, but not enough to pay for all the items she purchased. And it was not until she was in the drug store that she remembered just how many items she needed.

The man standing in line behind her also paid for his purchases using Interac. When asked why, he admitted he intended to pay with cash, but once inside the store had realized he did not have any cash with him. Rather than leave the store to go to the bank, or put the items on his credit card, he had simply used Interac and debited his savings account.

Manager of the Haliburton branch of the Bank of Montreal Lorne Hoppenreys and manager of the Haliburton CIBC branch Tom Brooks have some advice to customers using Interac.

The most important is never to reveal the personal identification number of your debit card to anyone and never carry the number with the card.

Brooks also said it should be remembered debit cards are not credit cards. Debit cards can only be used when there is sufficient money in the person's bank account, plus any pre-arranged credit, such as an account overdraft.

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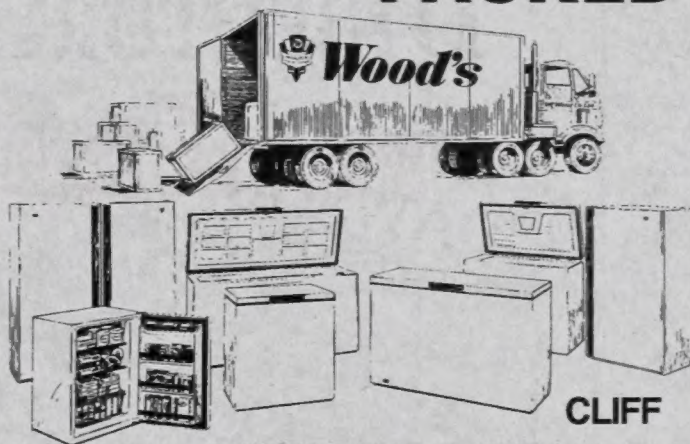
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Haliburton County Employment Services becoming more 'user-friendly'

by LINDSEY COATES
Haliburton Employment Centre

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Until March 31, 1997 our office will be in a transition year.

Our staff will be introducing people to changes in the procedures they use to gain information and assistance related to: (1) job listings, (2) resource centre facilities, (3) Unemployment Insurance, (4) needs assessment and counselling, (5) labour market information.

Some of these changes will be driven by technology.

Others will come from consultation with community groups, consumers and business, as we

look at how all these employment services can best be delivered in Haliburton County after April 1, 1997.

New technology includes Automated Job Kiosks located in Haliburton and Minden (currently at the Social Services office).

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Our existing Resource Centre will be upgraded to include more books, brochures, videos

and computer applications related to choosing a job, finding a job and keeping a job.

Employment Insurance (E.I.) will begin on June 30, 1996.

Our staff are gearing up to assist consumers and employers understand the changes to the legislation.

We're also helping people become more informed about how to get information about their insurance claims from Peterborough Human Resources Development (formerly Canada Employment Centre).

A brochure outlining common problems and the questions you should ask is now available at our office.

Labour Market information is provided by HRDC on trends, employment rates, etc.

There are future plans for this information to be accessed through Job Kiosk sites.

Our office continues to pro-

vide HRDC with feedback about our local needs and changes, which may influence the initiatives HRDC funds in this area.

Every career changer/job searcher needs an action plan. Through Needs Assessment and Counselling individuals learn how to access services, develop a plan and move into work.

We will be streamlining our procedures to ensure consumers get the level of information and support they need to move ahead.

We are looking for innovative ways to continue this vital area of service after April 1, 1997.

The Haliburton County Employment Services Centre has been serving the County in some form for 20 years.

We are changing again, but are committed to finding the creative solutions needed to ensure the county has a vital local employment service.

Haliburton area lakes higher than 21-year average

Haliburton area lakes averaged 94.6% on June 17 which was just higher than the 21-year average of 92% for that date.

Some wet weather is expected through this week, so the remaining surplus on the Kawarthas should delay any flow increases from the reserve lakes until next week.

The Kawartha Lakes of the canal route average 103% today which is very near the 78-year average of 101%.

Flow reductions are being made to retain the present levels for navigation.

High evaporation losses have not appeared yet this summer.

Otonabee River flow in June usually averages 51 m3/s (cubic meters per second) but so far this year the flow has remained well above that.



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It was a warm sunny day when I decided to go visit my cousin. Amy greeted me at the door and later we went inside. Amy and I sat and had a cup of tea and started to talk about her past and our future.

This is for you Amy. Happy 92nd Birthday and to let you know you're always thought of. I love your stories, your positive attitude and your outlook on life has inspired me.

ONE OF THE FIRST LADIES TO HAVE A CAR IN THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS.

Amy's first car she used to drive had chains on the tires in the winter months. Not much has changed from the old days, since today some people still use chains in the winter.

In 1922 there was no high school in Haliburton so Amy had to go to Lindsay for the rest of her education. Amy taught for 25 years. She had to quit in 1933 when she found out the local school board didn't hire married women.

Today Amy is still in her home, she takes one day a step at a time. I still visit her and have that cup of tea, so we can sit and talk about how family and friends are doing.

Take care, Amy.
Love, Connie

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